

Acquisition Reform Success Story

Big Safari

Program Description

Big Safari is a process of acquisition management, designed for sustainment and modification of specialized aircraft. This process supports 20-24 projects at any one time and includes responsibility for logistics sustainment for over 50 aircraft. This process was the basis for the Lightning Bolt Initiatives.

How Streamlining Made a Difference

Although the Big Safari process already operates at minimum funding due to the effectiveness of its management procedures, and is already far more streamlined than any other program due to the nature of its authority, the Acquisition Reform Initiatives have still helped realize more cost savings. One example is a cost reduction in the F-16 Pod program, brought about by the ability to streamline the test program. These initiatives also allowed the use of Lockheed Ft. Worth facilities, with whom a contract already existed, which provided a savings of \$177K.

| Measure | Result |
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| Projected Program Costs | \$177K |

Bottom Line: Streamlined management and test program (doing it **better**) allows for greater use of contractor facilities reducing program costs. (doing it **cheaper**).

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